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Sent: Wed, 3 Mar 2010 05:55:06 -0800 (PST)
To: Terrence McFadden <mcfaddet@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: Bird Survey Info
Attachments: BL2004.xls

Terry

Congrats to you and Lynnea. The sap should be flowing here soon. My aunt has 40 acres of sugar maple that produces a lot of syrup. We burn a ton of wood boiling it down, but most of that is brush we clear for habitat improvement anyway.

I'm in Muskegon doing a fair amount of writing and consulting. Spring is finally arriving, but I'll probably be heading back out of state, so I won't be able to enjoy it here. I'll see how much time I can devote to U.P. projects. I've managed to arrange short leaves from work in May and June these last couple years, but most of that was spent downstate. I had to skip the Ottawa BBC both years, and this year is again tentative at best.

Regarding the proposed road, I've attached another batch of Breeding Bird Survey data, retrieved from the Patuxent ftp server. Again, I've extracted material from the first 14 points - covering Wolf Lake Road from US-41 to Brocky Lake. This data was collected by Noel Cutright, a very capable birder from Wisconsin. Unfortunately, I was unable to access data from earlier surveys.

Best of luck.

Brian

--- On Tue, 2/23/10, Terrence McFadden <mcfaddet@michigan.gov> wrote:

> From: Terrence McFadden <mcfaddet@michigan.gov>
> Subject: Re: Bird Survey Info
> To: "Brian Johnson" <baidaj@yahoo.com>
> Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 2:25 PM
> Thanks for quick reply Brian, this
> info will be very helpful.
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> Things up here are great! Lynnea and I are expecting
> a baby around May 5th. We're working on the baby's
> room, fixing up the house a bit, enjoying the remainder of
> winter, and preparing for making maple syrup and getting our
> second bee hive constructed....Honey.....Mmmmmmmmm!
> Hope things are well with you! Keep in touch, T.
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> *****
> Terry McFadden
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> >>> Brian Johnson <baidaj@yahoo.com>
> 02/23/2010 2:19 PM >>>
> Greetings Terry

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> This e-mail is obviously fine. I do have other accounts
> that I check regularly, so it doesn't matter which one you
> address.
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> The most pertinent data is the result of three years of
> Breeding Bird Survey work conducted during the 2007 - 2009
> breeding seasons. The route, Brocky Lake, encompasses stops
> between Brocky Lake southward to beyond Republic. The first
> 14 points are situated along CR-FX (Wolf Lake Road), part of
> the route in question.
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> I've attached the raw results of these surveys - covering
> the first 14 points that are relevant. One worksheet has the
> bird sightings; the second denotes the locations of each
> stop - each a half-mile apart. If you have any problems, or
> if you need data from all 50 points (covering areas south of
> the US-41), just let me know.
>
> This survey was conducted by other observers in 1980, 1981,
> 1983, 1987, 1995, and 2004. I'll see if Patuxent is willing
> to provide that data as well.
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> Most of my remaining birding in the area has been less
> formal. The only other nearby transects I performed were
> late winter / early spring surveys along the Peshekee Grade,
> 1999 - 2001.
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> Hope you are enjoying things in the U.P.
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> Brian
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> --- On Mon, 2/22/10, Terrence McFadden <mcfaddet@michigan.gov>
> wrote:
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>> From: Terrence McFadden <mcfaddet@michigan.gov>
>> Subject: Bird Survey Info
>> To: baidaj@yahoo.com
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>> Date: Monday, February 22, 2010, 3:11 PM
>> Brian,
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>> I hope this is still your current e-mail
> account. The
>> reason I'm e-mailing is that Skye Haas said that you
> ran
>> some bird surveys in Northern Marquette County up the
> Wolf
>> Lake Road. Skye testified at a DNRE (former
> DEQ)
>> public hearing on the proposed "woodland road" (haul
> road
>> for Kennecott Mining Co), and stated that the surveys
> run by
>> Kennecott were inefficient due to the lack of birds

> found
> > along that route. I was wondering if we could
> trouble
> > you for some of the data that you collected regarding
> bird
> > species and the time the surveys were run, especially
> if you
> > surveyed during the breeding season. Any help
> with
> > this would be appreciated, the information was
> requested by
> > Mike Smolinski with our land and water division.
> > Thanks and I hope to catch up with you soon, T.
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